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Complicated asymptotic behavior of solutions for a porous medium equation with nonlinear sources

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In this paper, we investigate the complicated asymptotic behavior of the solutions to the Cauchy problem of a porous medium equation with nonlinear sources when the initial value belongs to a weighted L^∞ space.

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1 Introduction

In this paper, we consider the asymptotic behavior of solutions for the Cauchy problem of the porous medium equation with nonlinear sources

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u^m = u^p, \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N \times (0, \infty), \quad (1.1)$$

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N, \quad (1.2)$$

where $m, p > 1$ and $u_0 \in L^\infty(\rho_\sigma) \equiv \{\varphi; \varphi \rho_\sigma \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)\}$ with $\rho_\sigma(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^{\frac{\sigma}{2}}$.

It is well known that any positive solutions of problem (1.1)-(1.2) blow up in finite time if $1 < p \leq p_c \equiv m + \frac{2}{N}$ [1–3], while positive global solutions do exist if $p > p_c$ [4–7]. In 2000, Mukai, Mochizuki and Huang in [6] found that if $p > m + \frac{2}{N}$ and $\frac{2}{p-m} < \sigma < N$ and $0 \leq \varphi \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^N)$ satisfies $\limsup_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} |x|^\sigma \varphi(x) < \infty$, then there exists a constant $\eta(\varphi) > 0$ such that for $0 < \eta < \eta(\varphi)$, the solutions $u(x, t)$ of problem (1.1)-(1.2) with the initial value $u_0 = \eta\varphi$ are global and the following estimate holds:

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq Ct^{-\frac{\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}}. \quad (1.3)$$

Moreover, if $\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} |x|^\sigma \varphi(x) = M_0 > 0$, then

$$t^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} u\left(t^{\frac{1}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} x, t\right) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} S(1)w_0(x)$$

uniformly on \mathbb{R}^N , where $w_0(x) = M|x|^{-\sigma}$. Here $S(t)$ is a semigroup generated by the Cauchy problem of the porous medium equation

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} - \Delta w^m = 0, \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N \times (0, \infty), \quad (1.4)$$

$$w(x, 0) = w_0(x), \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N \quad (1.5)$$

and $w_0(x) = \eta M_0 |x|^{-\sigma}$.

On the other hand, regarding problem (1.4)-(1.5), in 2002, Vázquez and Zuazua [8] found that for any bounded sequence $\{\varphi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ in $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$, there exists an initial value $u_0 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$ and a sequence $t_{n_k} \rightarrow \infty$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} S(t_{n_k})u_0(t_{n_k}^{\frac{1}{2}}x) = S(1)\varphi_n(x)$ uniformly on any compact subsets of \mathbb{R}^N . In our previous papers [9], for any bounded sequence $\{\varphi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ in $C_0^+(\mathbb{R}^N) \equiv \{\varphi \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N); \varphi(x) \geq 0\}$, we have shown that there exists an initial value $u_0 \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N)$ and a sequence $t_{n_k} \rightarrow \infty$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} t_{n_k}^{\frac{\mu}{2}} S(t_{n_k})u_0(t_{n_k}^\beta x) = S(1)\varphi_n(x)$$

uniformly on \mathbb{R}^N , where $0 < \mu < \frac{N}{N(m-1)+2}$ and $\beta = \frac{2-\mu(m-1)}{4}$. For more details on the study of complicated asymptotic behavior of solutions for the heat equation and other evolution equations, we refer the readers to [10–14].

In this paper, we are quite interested in the above mentioned same topic for the equation with strongly nonlinear sources, namely equation (1.1) with $p > m + \frac{2}{N}$. We will show that for any $M > 0$, there is a constant $\eta(M)$ and an initial value $u_0 \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+} \equiv \{\varphi \in C(\mathbb{R}^N); \varphi \in B_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}\}$ with $\frac{2}{p-m} < \sigma < N$ such that for any $\varphi \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$, there exists a sequence $t_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ satisfying

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} S(t_n)u_0(t_n^{\frac{1}{\sigma(m-1)+2}}x) = S(1)\varphi(x)$$

uniformly on \mathbb{R}^N . Here $B_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+} \equiv \{\phi = \eta\varphi; 0 \leq \varphi \in L^\infty(\rho_\sigma), \|(1 + |\cdot|^2)^{\frac{\sigma}{2}}\varphi(\cdot)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq M \text{ and } 0 \leq \eta \leq \eta(M)\}$. For this purpose, we first show that if the initial value $u_0 \in B_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$, then the solutions $u(x, t)$ are global and satisfy

$$u(x, t) \leq C(1 + t^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} + |x|^2)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}. \quad (1.6)$$

One can easily see that (1.6) captures (1.3). From this, we can follow the framework by Kamin and Peletier [15] to prove that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{\frac{1}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} \|u(t^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} \cdot, t) - S(t)u_0(t^{\frac{1}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} \cdot)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)} = 0. \quad (1.7)$$

So, we can get our results by following the framework in [9] and using (1.6)-(1.7).

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. The next section is devoted to giving a sufficient condition for the global existence of solutions for problem (1.1)-(1.2) and the upper bounded estimates on these solutions. In the last section, we investigate the complicated asymptotic behavior of solutions.

2 Preliminaries and estimates

In this section we state the definition of a weak solution of problem (1.1)-(1.2) and give the upper bounded estimates on the global solutions. We begin with the definition of the weak solution of problem (1.1)-(1.2).

Definition 2.1 [16, 17] By a weak solution of problem (1.1)-(1.2) in $\mathbb{R}^N \times [0, T]$, we mean a function $u(x, t)$ in $\mathbb{R}^N \times [0, T]$ such that

1. $u(x, t) \geq 0$ in $\mathbb{R}^N \times [0, T]$ and $u(x, t) \in C(\mathbb{R}^N \times (0, \tau])$ for each $0 < \tau < T$.
2. For $0 < \tau < T$ and any nonnegative $\varphi(x, t) \in C^{2,1}(\mathbb{R}^N \times [0, T])$ which vanishes for large $|x|$, the following equation holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u(x, \tau) \varphi(x, \tau) dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u_0(x) \varphi(x, 0) dx \\ &= \int_0^\tau \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u^m(x, t) \Delta \varphi(x, t) dx dt \\ &+ \int_0^\tau \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u(x, t) \varphi_t(x, t) dx dt + \int_0^\tau \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} u^p(x, t) \varphi(x, t) dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

A supersolution [or subsolution] is similarly defined with equality of (2.1) replaced by \geq [or \leq]. The weak solutions for problem (1.4)-(1.5) can be defined in a similar way as above. It is well known that problem (1.1)-(1.2) has a unique, nonnegative and bounded weak solution, at least locally in time [16, 17]. Now we state the comparison principle for problem (1.1)-(1.2).

Lemma 2.1 [16, 17] Suppose that for $0 < \tau < T$, $\bar{u}(x, t), \underline{u}(x, t) \in C(\mathbb{R}^N \times [0, T]) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N \times [0, \tau])$ are supersolution and subsolution of the problem (1.1)-(1.2), respectively. If

$$\bar{u}(x, 0) \geq \underline{u}(x, 0) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^N,$$

then, for all $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times (0, T)$,

$$\bar{u}(x, t) \geq \underline{u}(x, t).$$

To study the asymptotic behavior of solutions for problem (1.1)-(1.2), we adopt the space X_0 and $L^\infty(\rho_\sigma)$ as that in [16–18]. For any $\sigma > 0$ and $\rho_\sigma(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^{\frac{\sigma}{2}}$, the $L^\infty(\rho_\sigma)$ is defined as

$$L^\infty(\rho_\sigma) \equiv \{\varphi; \varphi \rho_\sigma \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)\}$$

with the obvious norm $\|\varphi\|_{L^\infty(\rho_\sigma)} = \|\varphi \rho_\sigma\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)}$ and the X_0 is given by

$$X_0 \equiv \{\varphi \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^N); \|\varphi\|_1 < \infty \text{ and } \ell(\varphi) = 0\}$$

with the norm $\|\cdot\|_1$. Here

$$\|\varphi\|_r = \sup_{R \geq r} R^{-\frac{N(m-1)+2}{m-1}} \int_{\{|x| \leq R\}} |\varphi(x)| dx \quad \text{and} \quad \ell(\varphi) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \|\varphi\|_r.$$

Hence they are both Banach spaces. The existence and uniqueness of a weak solution of problem (1.4)-(1.5) with the initial-value $u_0 \in X_0$ is shown in [16, 17], and this solution satisfies the following proposition.

Proposition 2.1 [17] *Problem (1.4)-(1.5) generates a continuous bounded semigroup in X_0 given by*

$$S(t) : w_0 \rightarrow w(x, t).$$

In other words, $S(t)w_0 \in C([0, \infty); X_0)$. Moreover, if $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)$, then the semigroup $S(t)$ is a contraction.

We now introduce the definitions of scalings and the commutative relations between the semigroup operators and the dilation operators. For any $\mu, \beta > 0$ and $v(x) \in X_0$, the dilation $D_\lambda^{\mu, \beta}$ is defined as follows:

$$D_\lambda^{\mu, \beta} w(x) \equiv \lambda^\mu w(\lambda^\beta x).$$

From the definitions of the dilation operator and the semigroup operator, we can get that for $\mu, \beta > 0$ and $w_0 \in X_0$,

$$D_\lambda^{\mu, \beta} [S(\lambda^{2-\mu(m-1)-2\beta} t) w_0](x) = S(\lambda^{2-\mu(m-1)-2\beta} t) [D_\lambda^{\mu, \beta} w_0](x); \quad (2.2)$$

see details in [19, 20].

In the rest of this section, we give a sufficient condition for the existence of global solutions of problem (1.1)-(1.2) and establish the upper bounded estimates of these solutions.

Theorem 2.1 *Let $\frac{2}{p-m} < \sigma < N$ and $M > 0$. There exists a constant $\eta(M)$ such that for any $0 \leq \eta \leq \eta(M)$, $\phi(x) \geq 0$ and $\|\phi\|_{L^\infty(\rho_\sigma)} \leq M$, the solutions $u(x, t)$ of problem (1.1)-(1.2) with the initial value $u_0(x) = \eta\phi(x)$ are global. Moreover, the following estimate holds:*

$$0 \leq u(x, t) \leq C(M, \eta) \left(1 + t^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} + |x|^2\right)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}, \quad (2.3)$$

where $C(M, \eta)$ is a constant dependent only on M and η .

Remark 2.1 Notice that if $0 \leq \varphi \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^N)$ and $\limsup_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(x)|x|^\sigma < \infty$, then $\varphi \in L^\infty(\rho_\sigma)$. So, our results capture Theorem 3 in [6]. Here we use some ideas of them.

Proof To prove this theorem, we need the fact that if $v_0 = M|x|^{-\sigma}$, then

$$S(t)v_0(x) \leq C(M) \left(t^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} + |x|^2\right)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}, \quad (2.4)$$

which has been given in Lemma 2.6 of [20]. We give the proof here for completeness. In fact,

$$\|v_0\|_r = \sup_{R \geq r} R^{-\frac{N(m-1)+2}{m-1}} \int_{B_R} A|x|^{-\sigma} dx \leq Cr^{-\sigma-\frac{2}{m-1}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty.$$

This means that $v_0 \in X_0$. Therefore, from Proposition 2.1, we obtain that $S(t)v_0(x)$ is well defined. Taking $\mu = \frac{2\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}$ and $\beta = \frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}$ in (2.2), we have

$$\lambda^{\frac{2\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} [S(\lambda^2 s)v_0] \left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} x \right) = S(s) \left[\lambda^{\frac{2\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} v_0 \left(\lambda^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} \cdot \right) \right] (x) = S(s)v_0(x). \quad (2.5)$$

Now taking $s = 1$, $\lambda = t^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $g(x) = S(1)v_0(x)$ in (2.5), we obtain that

$$S(t)v_0(x) = t^{-\frac{\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} g \left(t^{\frac{1}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} x \right). \quad (2.6)$$

The fact that $\phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus \{0\})$ clearly means that

$$S(t)v_0 \in C([0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^N \setminus \{(0, 0)\}) \cap C^{\frac{\sigma}{2}, \alpha}((0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^N) \quad \text{for some } \alpha > 0; \quad (2.7)$$

see [21]. This implies that for $|x| = 1$, the following limit holds:

$$t^{-\frac{\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} g \left(t^{\frac{1}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} x \right) = S(t)v_0(x) \rightarrow \phi(x) = M|x|^{-\sigma} = M \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

Let

$$y = t^{\frac{1}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} x.$$

So,

$$|y| \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore,

$$|y|^\sigma g(y) - M \rightarrow 0$$

as $|y| \rightarrow \infty$. This means that there exists an $M_1 > 1$ such that if $|y| \geq M_1$, then

$$g(y) \leq 2M|y|^{-\sigma}. \quad (2.8)$$

From (2.7), for $|y| \leq M_1$, there exists a constant C such that

$$g(y) \leq C. \quad (2.9)$$

Combining (2.8) and (2.9), we have

$$g(x) \leq C(M)(1 + |x|^2)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

By (2.6), we thus obtain that

$$S(t)v_0(x) \leq C(M) \left(t^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} + |x|^2 \right)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}.$$

So, we complete the proof of (2.4). Now taking

$$\varphi(x) = M(1 + |x|^2)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}},$$

we get that

$$0 < \varphi(x) \leq v_0(x) = M|x|^{-\sigma} \quad \text{for } x \neq 0.$$

Therefore, by the comparison principle and (2.4), for all $t \geq 0$, we have

$$S(t)\varphi(x) \leq S(t)v_0(x) \leq C(M)\left(t^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} + |x|^2\right)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}. \quad (2.10)$$

Since $S(t)\varphi(x) \in C([0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^N)$ (see [17, 21]), there exists a $t_1 > 0$ such that for all $|x| \leq 1$ and $0 \leq t \leq t_1$,

$$S(t)\varphi(x) \leq C\varphi(x) \leq C(M)(1 + |x|^2)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}.$$

Combining this with (2.6) and using the comparison principle, we can get

$$S(t)\phi(x) \leq S(t)\varphi(x) \leq C(M)\left(1 + t^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} + |x|^2\right)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}.$$

In other words,

$$S(t)\phi(x) \leq C(M)\left((1 + t)^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} + |x|^2\right)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}. \quad (2.11)$$

If $\eta = 0$, (2.3) clearly holds. In the rest of proof, we can assume that $\eta > 0$. The hypothesis $\frac{2}{p-m} < \sigma < N$ indicates

$$\sigma(p-m) - 2 > 0.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(M)^{m-p} &= 2C^{p-1}(M)(p-m) \int_0^\infty (1+t)^{-\frac{\sigma(p-1)}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} dt \\ &= \frac{2C(M)^{p-1}(\sigma(m-1)+2)(p-m)}{\sigma(p-m)-2} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $C(M)$ is the constant given by (2.11). For $0 < \eta \leq \eta(M)$, taking

$$\alpha(t) = \left[\left(\eta^{m-p} - C(M)^{p-1}(p-m) \int_0^t (1+s)^{-\frac{\sigma(p-1)}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} dx \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{p-m}},$$

and

$$w(x, t) = S(t)\phi(x),$$

we obtain from (2.11) that $\alpha(t)$ is an increasing function satisfying

$$\begin{cases} a(0) = \eta, \\ a(t) \leq 2^{\frac{1}{p-m}} \eta(M) \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0, \\ a'(t) = C(M)^{p-1} a(t)^{p-m+1} (1+t)^{-\frac{\sigma(p-1)}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} \geq a(t)^{p-m+1} \|w(t)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)}^{p-1}, \end{cases} \quad (2.12)$$

Now letting $b(t)$ to satisfy

$$\begin{cases} b'(t) = a(b(t))^{m-1}, \\ b(0) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.13)$$

and then taking

$$\bar{w}(x, t) = a(b(t))w(x, t),$$

one can see that $\bar{w}(x, t)$ is a supersolution of the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u^m &= u^p, \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times (0, \infty); \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0 = \eta\phi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &\leq a(b(t))w(x, t) \leq 2^{\frac{1}{p-m}} \eta(M)w(x, b(t)) \\ &\leq C(\eta, M) \left(1 + b(t)^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} + |x|^2\right)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

(2.12) and (2.13) clearly mean that

$$\eta^{m-1}t \leq b(t) \leq 2^{\frac{m-1}{p-m}} \eta(M)^{m-1}t.$$

From this and (2.14), we can get (2.3). So, we complete the proof of this theorem. \square

3 Complicated asymptotic behavior

For any $M > 0$, let $\eta(M)$ be as given by Theorem 2.1. We introduce

$$B_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+} \equiv \{\varphi(x) = \eta\phi(x) : \phi(x) \geq 0, \|\phi\|_{L^\infty(\rho_\sigma)} \leq M \text{ and } 0 \leq \eta \leq \eta(M)\}$$

and

$$C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+} \equiv \{\varphi \in C(\mathbb{R}^N); \varphi \in B_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}\}.$$

In the rest of this section, we show that the complexity may occur in the asymptotic behavior of solutions of problem (1.1)-(1.2) with $u_0 \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$. Our main result is the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1 Let $p > m + \frac{2}{N}$ and $\frac{2}{p-m} < \sigma < N$. Then there is a function $u_0 \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$ such that for any $\varphi \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$, there exists a sequence $t_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} u\left(t_n^{\frac{1}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} x, t_n\right) = S(1)\varphi(x)$$

uniformly on \mathbb{R}^N . Here $u(x, t)$ is the solution of problem (1.1)-(1.2).

To get this theorem, we need to prove the following lemma first.

Lemma 3.1 Suppose $p > m + \frac{2}{N}$ and $M > 0$. Let u be a solution of problem (1.1)-(1.2). If $0 \leq u_0 \in B_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$ with $\frac{2}{p-m} < \sigma < N$, then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{\frac{\sigma}{2+\sigma(m-1)}} \|u(t^{\frac{1}{2+\sigma(m-1)}} \cdot, t) - [S(t)u_0](t^{\frac{1}{2+\sigma(m-1)}} \cdot)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)} = 0.$$

Proof We first define the functions

$$u_\lambda(x, t) = D_\lambda^{\mu, \beta} u(x, \lambda t) = \lambda^\mu u(\lambda^\beta x, \lambda^2 t)$$

and

$$w_\lambda(x, t) = D_\lambda^{\mu, \beta} w(x, \lambda t) = \lambda^\mu w(\lambda^\beta x, \lambda^2 t),$$

where $\mu = \frac{2\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}$ and $\beta = \frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}$. Using the comparison principle, we know that for $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times (0, \infty)$,

$$w(x, t) \leq u(x, t)$$

and for all $\lambda \geq 1$,

$$w_\lambda(x, t) \leq u_\lambda(x, t).$$

The results of Theorem 2.1 imply that

$$\begin{aligned} u_\lambda(x, t) &\leq C\lambda^\mu \left[(1 + \lambda^2 t)^\beta + \lambda^{2\beta} |x|^2 \right]^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}} \\ &\leq C \left((\lambda^{-2} + t)^{2\beta} + |x|^2 \right)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}} \\ &\leq C (\lambda^{-2} + t)^{-\mu} \left(1 + (\lambda^{-2} + t)^{-2\beta} |x|^2 \right)^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Here we have used the fact $\mu = \beta\sigma$. So,

$$\int_0^\tau \int_{B_1} u_\lambda(x, t) \, dx \, dt \leq C \int_{\lambda^{-2}}^{\tau+\lambda^{-2}} s^{N\beta-\mu} \, ds \int_0^{s^{-\beta}} r^{N-\sigma-1} \, dr \leq C\tau.$$

Now we estimate the integral

$$\int_0^\tau \int_{B_1} u_\lambda(x, t)^q \, dx \, dt$$

with $q > 1$ in several steps. For any $\tau > 0$, we take λ large enough to satisfy $\lambda^{-2} \leq \tau$ and assume, without loss of generality, that $(\tau + \lambda^{-2})^{-\beta} > 1$ in the rest of this proof. Then using the same method as above, we have

$$\int_0^\tau \int_{B_1} u_\lambda(x, t)^q dx dt \leq \begin{cases} C\tau^{2\gamma\beta} + C\tau & \text{if } \gamma > 0 \text{ and } N \neq \sigma q, \\ C\tau + C\tau \ln \frac{1}{\tau} & \text{if } \gamma > 0 \text{ and } N = \sigma q, \\ C\tau + C \ln(1 + \lambda^2 \tau) & \text{if } \gamma = 0, \\ C\tau + C\lambda^{-2\beta\gamma} & \text{if } \gamma < 0, \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

where $\gamma = N + \sigma(m-1) - \sigma q + 2$. Similarly, we can get the integral estimates for $w_\lambda(x, t)$, which have been given in [22]. By using the same methods as in [15], we can get that for $T > 0$

$$u_\lambda(T) - w_\lambda(T) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.3)$$

uniformly on any compact subset of \mathbb{R}^N . For any $T, \lambda, \epsilon > 0$, we can obtain from (3.1) that there exists a constant $R > 0$ satisfying

$$\|u_\lambda(T)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_R)} \leq \|\varphi_\lambda(T)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_R)} < \frac{\epsilon}{3} \quad (3.4)$$

and

$$\|w_\lambda(T)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_R)} \leq \|u_\lambda(\cdot, T)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_R)} < \frac{\epsilon}{3}, \quad (3.5)$$

where $\varphi_\lambda(x, t) = C\lambda^\mu [(1 + \lambda^2 t)^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+1}} + |\lambda^\beta x|^2]^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}} = C[(\lambda^{-2} + t)^{\frac{2}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} + |x|^2]^{-\frac{\sigma}{2}}$ and $B_R \equiv \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N; |x| \leq R\}$. Taking R as given by (3.4), from (3.3), there exists λ_1 such that for all $\lambda \geq \lambda_1$,

$$\|u_\lambda(T) - w_\lambda(T)\|_{L^\infty(B_R)} < \frac{\epsilon}{3}. \quad (3.6)$$

Therefore, from (3.4)-(3.6), we have

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \|u_\lambda(T) - w_\lambda(T)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)} = 0. \quad (3.7)$$

Now letting $T = 1$ and $\lambda = t^{\frac{1}{2}}$ in (3.7), we get that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{\frac{\sigma}{2+\sigma(m-1)}} \left\| \left[u\left(t^{\frac{1}{2+\sigma(m-1)}}\right), t \right] - w\left(t^{\frac{1}{2+\sigma(m-1)}}\right), t \right\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)} = 0.$$

So, we complete the proof of this lemma. \square

Now we can prove our main result.

Proof of Theorem 3.1 Let

$$\mu = \frac{2\sigma}{\sigma(m-1) + 2}$$

and

$$\beta = \frac{2}{\sigma(m-1) + 2}.$$

From the definition of $C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$, we obtain that there exists a countable set F such that

$$F \subset C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+} \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)$$

and for any $\epsilon > 0$ and $\varphi \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$, there exists a function $\phi_\epsilon \in F$ satisfying

$$\|\varphi_\epsilon - \varphi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)} < \epsilon. \quad (3.8)$$

Therefore, there exists a sequence $\{\varphi_j\}_{j \geq 1} \subset F$ such that

I. For any $\phi \in F$, there exists a subsequence $\{\varphi_{j_k}\}_{k \geq 1}$ of the sequence $\{\varphi_j\}_{j \geq 1}$ satisfying

$$\varphi_{j_k}(x) = \phi \quad \text{for all } k \geq 1,$$

II. There exists a constant $C > 0$ satisfying

$$\max(\|\varphi_j\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)}, \|\varphi_j\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)}) \leq Cj \quad \text{for } j \geq 1.$$

Now we can follow the methods given in [9] to construct an initial value as follows. Let

$$u_0(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j^{-\mu} \chi_j(x/\lambda_j^\beta) \varphi_j(x/\lambda_j^\beta) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} D_{\lambda_j^{-1}}^{\mu,\beta} [\chi_j(x) \varphi_j(x)]. \quad (3.9)$$

Here

$$\lambda_j = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for } j = 1, \\ \max(j^{\frac{4N(m-1)+8}{2N-\mu[N(m-1)+2]}}, (2^j \lambda_{j-1})^{\frac{1}{\mu}}, \bar{\lambda}_j) & \text{for } j > 1, \end{cases} \quad (3.10)$$

$\chi_j(x)$ is the cut-off function defined on $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^N; 2^{-j} < |x| < 2^j\}$ relatively to $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^N; 2^{-j+1} < |x| < 2^{j-1}\}$, and $\bar{\lambda}_j$ is selected large enough to satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\lambda_j}^{\mu,\beta} [S(\lambda_j^2 t) u_0(x)] &= D_{\lambda_j}^{\mu,\beta} \left[S(\lambda_j^2 t) \sum_{n=1}^{j-1} \lambda_n^{-\mu} \chi_n(x/\lambda_n^\beta) \varphi_n(x/\lambda_n^\beta) \right] \\ &\quad + D_{\lambda_j}^{\mu,\beta} [S(\lambda_j^2 t) \lambda_j^{-\mu} \chi_j(x/\lambda_j^\beta) \varphi_j(x/\lambda_j^\beta)] \\ &\quad + D_{\lambda_j}^{\mu,\beta} \left[S(\lambda_j^2 t) \sum_{n=j+1}^{\infty} \lambda_n^{-\mu} \chi_n(x/\lambda_n^\beta) \varphi_n(x/\lambda_n^\beta) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Notice first that if $\varphi \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$, then

$$\|\varphi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq \eta(M), \quad \|\varphi\|_{L^\infty(\rho_\sigma)} \leq \eta(M)$$

and

$$\varphi \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^N).$$

By (3.9) and (3.10), we have

$$\|u_0\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq \|u_0\|_{L^\infty(\rho_\sigma)} \leq \sup_{j \geq 1} \|\lambda_j^{-\mu} \chi_j(x/\lambda_j^\beta) \varphi_j(x/\lambda_j^\beta)\|_{L^\infty(\rho_\sigma)} \leq \eta(M).$$

So, we have

$$u_0 \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+} \subset C_0(\mathbb{R}^N).$$

Using the same method as that in [9], we can get that for any $\varphi \in F$, there exists a sequence $t_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ such that

$$t_n^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} [S(t_n)u_0] (t_n^{\frac{1}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} S(1)\varphi(x) \quad (3.11)$$

uniformly on \mathbb{R}^N . For any $\phi \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$, from (1.2), we know that there exists a sequence $\{\varphi_k\} \subset F$ such that

$$\varphi_k \rightarrow \phi \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore,

$$S(1)\varphi_k \rightarrow S(1)\phi \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.12)$$

uniformly on any compact subset of \mathbb{R}^N . This uses the fact that the map $S(1)$ is regularizing since the images of bounded sets are relatively compact subsets of C^α for some $\alpha > 0$ in compact sets of \mathbb{R}^N [21]. And notice that $\varphi_k, \phi \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+} \subset B_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$. We thus obtain from Theorem 2.1 that for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $R > 0$ such that if $|x| > R$, then

$$S(1)\phi(x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad (3.13)$$

and

$$S(1)\varphi_k(x) < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad \text{for all } k \geq 1. \quad (3.14)$$

Combining (3.12), (3.13) with (3.14), we thus have that

$$S(1)\varphi_k \rightarrow S(1)\phi \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.15)$$

uniformly on \mathbb{R}^N . By Lemma 3.1, (3.11) and (3.15), we can get that for any $\phi \in C_{\eta(M)}^{\sigma,+}$, there exists a sequence $t_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} u(t_n^{\frac{1}{\sigma(m-1)+2}} x, t_n) = S(1)\phi(x)$$

uniformly on \mathbb{R}^N . So, we complete the proof of Theorem 3.1. \square

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